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# H. R. 3177

To modify the proof of concept commercialization program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Defense Ac-  
5 celerator Network Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF PROOF OF CONCEPT COMMER-**  
7 **CIALIZATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.**—Section 1603(g) of  
9 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

1 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 2359 note) is  
2 amended by striking “2019” and inserting “2024”.

3 (b) ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS.—Section 1603 of  
4 such Act, as amended by subsection (a), is further amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**OF**  
7 **DUAL-USE TECHNOLOGY**” after “**COMMER-**  
8 **CIALIZATION**”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by inserting “of Dual-Use Technology”  
11 before “Program”; and

12 (B) by inserting “with a focus on priority  
13 defense technology areas that attract public and  
14 private sector funding, as well as private sector  
15 investment capital, including from venture cap-  
16 ital firms in the United States,” before “in ac-  
17 cordance”;

18 (3) in subsection (c)(4)(A)(iv), by inserting “,  
19 which may include access to venture capital” after  
20 “award”;

21 (4) by striking subsection (d);

22 (5) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
23 section (d);

24 (6) by striking subsection (f); and

1           (7) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
2           section (e):

3           “(e) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this section, the  
4           Secretary may use the following authorities:

5           “(1) Section 1599g of title 10 of the United  
6           States Code, relating to public-private talent ex-  
7           changes.

8           “(2) Section 2368 of such title, relating to Cen-  
9           ters for Science, Technology, and Engineering Part-  
10          nerships.

11          “(3) Section 2374a of such title, relating to  
12          prizes for advanced technology achievements.

13          “(4) Section 2474 of such title, relating to Cen-  
14          ters of Industrial and Technical Excellence.

15          “(5) Section 2521 of such title, relating to the  
16          Manufacturing Technology Program.

17          “(6) Section 225 of the National Defense Au-  
18          thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law  
19          115–91; 10 U.S.C. 2359 note).

20          “(7) Section 1711 of such Act (Public Law  
21          115–91; 10 U.S.C. 2505 note), relating to a pilot  
22          program on strengthening manufacturing in the de-  
23          fense industrial base.

24          “(8) Section 12 of the Stevenson-Wydler Tech-  
25          nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3710a)

1       and section 6305 of title 31, United States Code, re-  
2       lating to cooperative research and development  
3       agreements.”.

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